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## THE PLUMED KNIGHT'S RETURN.

Let us hope that the splendid steamer the City of New York will arrive safely at her dock to-day or to-morrow. Let us hope that Mr. BLAINE and all on board will be found in good health and spirits. Let us hope that the great BLAINE demonstration will be as enthusiastic as the friends of the leading Republican statesman of the day could wish. Let us hope that JOE MANLY, STAVE ELKINS, TOM PLATT, JOHNNY O'BRIEN and the rest of the welcoming politicians will thoroughly enjoy themselves and that no loafer or ragamuffin will disturb the procession by any allusion to MULLIGAN, FISHER or burning letters.

But let us also hope that there is no particle of truth in the rumor that Gen. HANCOCK is to be asked to resign in favor of BLAINE. Of course the story is a humbug, because it suggests an impossibility. But if it were practicable it would be needless. Everybody knows that, in the event of HANCOCK's election, BLAINE, as the leading Republican in the nation, would practically control the Administration.

## A PRACTICAL TRIUMPH.

CORONER MESSEMER won a practical victory yesterday in the Supreme Court, although Judge PATTERSON decided that he could not compel Secretary McLEARN to produce the slaughter record of the company. The ground of the decision was the plea that its production would tend to criminate McLEARN, who is committed for manslaughter. This is a virtual admission that the committal is just and the accused guilty.

Judge PATTERSON distinctly stated that the investigation before the Coroner could not be in any manner interfered with, the Court simply holding that an accused person cannot be committed for contempt for refusing to criminate himself. So Coroner Messemer will continue the inquiry until the whole facts of the bottle car danger are in possession of the public.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

It is evident that the persons who are to blame for the importation of cheap contract labor from Europe, to the injury of American workmen and in direct violation of law, are not the miserable labor brokers, who stand somewhat in the same position as the old slave plantation overseers, so much as the highly protected manufacturers, monopolists and corporations who are always prying about the protection of American labor. The investigations of the Congressional Committee are making it clear that the Commissioners of Emigration, who are all Republican politicians, have conveniently closed their eyes to the most flagrant cases of such forbidden immigration when the imported labor was intended for the profit of our protected "infant industries."

The labor brokers have generally disposed of their human goods in advance of their importation. In every case the contract labor has been engaged by some highly protected industry, whose profits under the war tariff, large as they are, are increased by this hiring of the "pauper labor" of Europe. Some interesting facts will be developed by Mr. FORD's efficient committee.

## THE BOWERY DEATH-TRAP.

Coroner LAY is holding an inquest on the victims of the terrible Bowery fire. It is well that our Coroners are men who have the honesty and the firmness to do their duty in such cases.

The existence of such a fearful death-trap in the most crowded part of a thoroughfare like the Bowery could not have been possible if the laws had been properly enforced. It is inconceivable how the Building Bureau or the Fire Department could have allowed an army of people to be hived in a building of a combustible character, shut out from escape, and utterly at the mercy of the flames

even in the daytime, whenever a fire might occur.

Such a cruel death-trap ought not to have been tolerated in the city, and it is to be hoped that Coroner LAY will make it plain upon whom the responsibility rests, whether on the public authorities or the owner of the perilous den.

Another terrible fire in a tenement-house on the corner of Avenue A and Fifty-sixth street on an early hour this morning destroyed four lives and severely injured a number of other inmates. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. BENO, their fourteen-year-old daughter LIZZIE and Mrs. KRAUNE, the mother of Mrs. BENO. The flames were discovered by the policeman on duty, and the police and firemen as usual did heroic work in rescuing many of those who were saved from a cruel death.

Mayor HEWITT grows jocose now that he has made up his mind to accept a nomination for Mayor if it is tendered him. He tells the reporters that his first conference with Mr. REID, of the Tribune, related to the burning of Mr. REID's house so that he could get the insurance, while at his second conference it was proposed to burn down the training-school for male nurses. Of course this is a joke. Yet the conferences did doubtless contemplate setting some political house-noids adrift.

The Anarchists of Chicago have started schools for the instruction and training of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in the principles of Anarchy. The law or the people ought to be able to discover some means of putting a stop to this new villainy.

We congratulate the drivers and conductors of the Cross-town street railroad in Brooklyn on the successful settlement of their strike. We told them that if they would be peaceable and law-abiding they would succeed, and they find our prediction verified.

The friends of MAXWELL, the trunk murderer, are making a last strong effort to save his neck, but with poor prospect of success. It is not believed that Gov. MORRISON will interfere with the execution of the sentence.

Will Mayor HEWITT please add to his list another death from the electric wires? Then will he resume his duties on the Subway Commission and cease his obstruction to the burying of the deadly wires?

## SEEN ON MARKET STALLS.

Lettuce, 4 cents.  
Biscuits, 10 cents.  
Crawfish, \$2 per 100.  
Lemons, 10 for 50 cents.  
Clams, 10 cents a string.  
Celery, 10 cents a bunch.  
Apples, 25 cents a quart.  
Oranges, 60 cents a dozen.  
Green peas, 40 cents a peck.  
Watermelons, \$2 to 10 cents.  
Lima beans, 50 cents a peck.  
Peas, 50 cents to 1 dollar.  
Blackberries, 10 cents a quart.  
Grapes, 20 to 30 cents a pound.  
Tomatoes, 7 to 15 cents a quart.  
Sweet potatoes, 50 cents a peck.  
Native Spanish mackerel, 50 cents.  
Corn, 15 cents a dozen; best, 40 to 50 cents.  
Peas, 30 cents a dozen; best, 40 to 50 cents.  
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## WORLDLINGS.

There are a dozen men in Milwaukee who carry a life insurance of more than \$100,000 each. One, a prominent railroad man, is insured for \$500,000.

One of the curiosities on exhibition at the Cincinnati Centennial is a petrified watermelon, which was found near the quarries of the Southern Granite Company, at Lithonia, Ga.

Dean Murphy, the stenographer who reports the proceedings of the Senate for the Congressional Record, receives a salary of \$25,000 a year for doing so. Out of this sum he pays several clerks and shorthand men to aid him.

## POINTS FROM THE PRECINCTS.

Sgt. Price has joined the ranks of the Prohibition party and is making converts daily on the force.

Sgt. Heape is ordered to death by the men in the second Precinct over his funny blunder in estimating a team of horses, a brewer's wagon and ten kegs of beer at \$25.00.

Capt. Cassidy wants a general law to prohibit the use of gas and oil stoves in crowded factories and tenement-houses.

Sgt. Schmittberger runs an aquarium and menagerie at Mount Hope. He had goldfish, parrots, imported fowl and a young chimpanzee.

The veteran police reporter Jacob A. Rile has taken a two weeks' vacation which he will spend at Richmond Hill in repairing his fences.

Commissioner Voorhis declares that he has not discovered the Mayrality bee in his bonnet, and if it is there it does no buzzing. He is a Hewitt man.

Property Clerk Harriot has returned from a social visit to Edward Kearney's place at Saratoga. On Sunday he enjoyed an Indian dinner, with fresh corn served in the husk, washed down with champagne and claret. At the table as Mr. Kearney's guests were Augustus Docharty, H. D. Purroy and Mr. Harriot.

## POLITICS BOILED DOWN.

Mayor Hewitt leaves to-day for Sharon Springs. His vacation will last two weeks.

Senator Jacob A. Cantor will forget all about politics for a few weeks. He is to become a benedict to-day.

President George H. Foster, of the Board of Aldermen, will be acting Mayor for the next two weeks.

The Michael C. Murphy Legion will number 1,300 well-drilled and handsomely uniformed men. The corps is now being drilled by companies.

The Tammany Society of the Annexed District is having its twelfth annual excursion to-day. The trip is to Ocasawanna Island, Hudson River.

Frank J. Smith a Democrat of the Fifth Assembly District, has been appointed clerk to the United States Board of Local Steamboat Inspectors.

Gov. Hill may accept Mayor Hewitt's invitation to spend a few days of the latter part of the month at the Mayor's country residence, Ringwood, N. J.

It is rumored that John B. Haskin has come out for Harrison and Morton. Mr. Haskin is out of town and the report cannot be verified for a day or two.

The Tammanyites, of the Twenty-third Assembly District, will raise a \$1,000 Cleveland and Thurman banner to-morrow evening in front of the Harlem Temple, East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

## THE FESTIVE JOKER REIGNS.



**The Danger of Travel.**  
Charlie—Harry, do you know that I don't like to travel on the railroad on Monday?  
Harry—Why?  
Charlie—Because there's always a washout on the line.  
JAMES BONTAKE,  
187 Washington street, New Haven, Conn.

**An Opportunity for a Bank Clerk.**  
A young lady, whose name was Catharine, did not like the name, and changed it to May. She went to the bank to deposit some money, and gave the name May. After leaving the bank she thought there would be some trouble about the name, if anything happened. Going back to the bank, she addressed the clerk:  
"Are you engaged?"  
"Yes, I am."  
"Young Lady—Well, I would like to change my name."  
M. J. WARD,  
61 Somers street, Brooklyn.

**The Ambitious Joker.**  
EGBERT was with his father in the parlour. It was warm, uncomfortably warm. Large and tranquil parties of people were floating through the parlour. The silence had remained unbroken—no even bent—for many minutes, when suddenly Egbert rose to his feet and said, in a frenzied whisper, as he dashed a Jersey emigrant lifeless to the floor: "Ethelred, I have written poetry. Ah! turn not so pale; it is but brief, and I assure you, written under extraordinary circumstances. THE EVENING WORLD has offered a prize, and I want to be a joker and with the jokers stand, the crown upon my forehead, the \$25 in my hand."  
"Oh, Egbert, spare me! read your poem and be quick. The night wanes apace, and my father's step will soon resound upon the staircase."  
"As she sank back in the chair Egbert read in a husky voice:

"The tramp in his wanderings,  
Abroad and at home,  
Must agree with the saying,  
"All roads lead to Rome."  
Then the silence became so prevalent they could distinctly hear the tick of the grocer's books around the corner.  
G. H. P.

**The Festive Carpet-Cleaner.**  
To the Editor of the Evening World:  
The following is original:  
The first thing I do with the carpet reminds me of a woman.  
The next thing I do with the carpet reminds me of the New York Baseball team. It's hard to beat.  
The next thing I do reminds me of grasping an old friend by the hand. I shake it.  
The next thing I do reminds me of an undertaker. I lay it out.  
The next thing I do reminds me of election when every man who is nominated by one party is elected. A clean sweep.  
While putting the carpet down reminds me of sailing against the wind. I have to keep tacking.  
WALTER LAKE,  
1108 Third Avenue.

**More Bridge Shoppers.**  
Why should Irishmen love the East River? Because it has taken millions of dollars to bridge it (Bridget).  
Why is each approach like a lazy dog? It's asleep up (slow pup). HARRY CURRY,  
New Brighton, Aug. 6.

**A Chestnut in a New Shell.**  
"Ah, ha!" remarked the poetess.  
"I know that I can write;  
For have I not an aburnt tree,  
While Pegasus is white?"  
ARTHUR LUCAS, Albany, N. Y.

**A Little Fish Story.**  
A few days ago a travel-stained tramp entered a farmer's house just about an hour previous to dinner. He offered to chop some wood if he were given a square meal in return. The farmer's wife, being in need of wood for her stove, set him to work at once. When dinner time came she called him in, and having laid the table, she said to him: "The fish on your plate, while on her own and her husband's she laid nice big ones, reserving most for the platter."  
The tramp dutifully lifted his little fish on the fork, held it to his ears and returned it to the plate, repeating several times. Being at last asked what he meant by doing this, he answered:

"A brother of mine crossed the sea about six months ago, but not having heard from him so far I thought I would ask the fish whether he could give me any tidings."  
"Well, and what did the fish say?" asked the farmer's wife.

The tramp answered: "The fish told me he was too young to know much about the sea, but if I would ask one of the big fish on the platter he might be able to answer my question."  
DR. S. SZALO, 222 Bowery.

**A Batch of Little Ones.**  
To the Editor of the Evening World:  
Some men run down their friends, while others have them.

The trust person may sometimes play the lyre.

At a recent Socialist meeting held in this city recently, one of the speakers, in glowing terms, compared the actions of Herr Most, his worthy chief, to "Ajax defying the lightning," but through the stenographer's inadvertence it went into the papers as "a jackass defying the lightning."

The man who allows his choler to get the best of him deserves a cuff on the ear.

"Since I broke my funny-bone my arm has filled with humor," wrote a patient to his doctor the other day. "How would you treat it?"  
"As a joke," answered the doctor facetiously.

Jay Gould has again made a good deal out of somebody else's bad deal lately.

S. DE BEAR,  
Jewellers' Review, Astor House, New York, Aug. 5.

**This Does Sound Original, But—**  
To the Editor of the Evening World:  
Why was Lady Godiva's ride a novelty? Because it was a new (nude) departure.  
This is mine. If any other fellow ever thought of it he ought to be killed.  
G. M. HENNINGSTON,  
Post-Office Box 2,673.

**The Atlas Being Solved.**  
"Ethel," said the teacher, "whom do the ancients say supported the world on his shoulders?"  
"Atlas, sir."  
"You are quite right," said the teacher.

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## BOATMEN COMPLAIN.

**Mr. Heinemann Said to Have Gone Back on His Promise to Employ Union Men.**

The Miscellaneous Section of the Central Labor Union met last night at 145 Eighth street,